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Sir:

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Reference T (Eur. Patent 0496822B1, in German) discloses chromatographic support materials comprising a porous particulate material linked to terminal 1°, 2°, or 3° amine groups for use in chromatographically separating nucleic acids. Samples are eluted

with a mobile phase containing a buffer, urea, and a gradient of salt concentration.

Reference U (Eur. Appl. 1243649A1, in German) describes polymeric resin particles for isolation and purification of nucleic acids. Carboxylate-modified linear non-crosslinked polymeric particles polymers having quaternary ammonium head groups are disclosed. The linear polymers incorporate quaternary tetraalkylammonium groups. DNA is eluted with strongly alkaline solutions.

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